

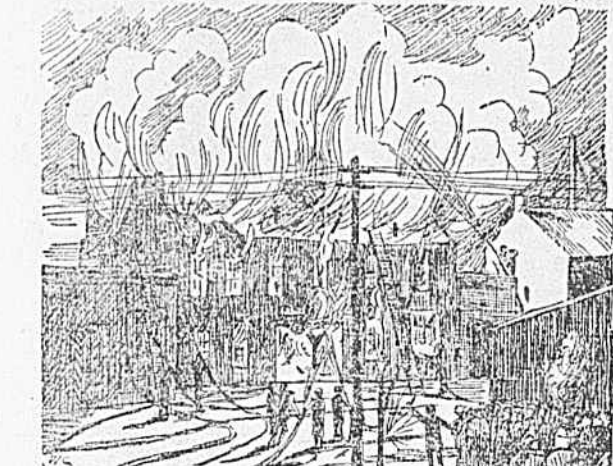
## A DISASTROUS BLAZE.

Kimberly & Davis's Big Feed Store  
in Destroyed by Fire

## AND OTHER PROPERTY IN DANGER.

The Stubbornest and Most Serious Fire that Chief Healy Has Had in His Administration Originates from a Mysterious Source and has such Great Headway before Discovered that the Building is Entirely Destroyed.

HE most destructive and stubborn fire that the city department has had to contend with since Chief Healy has been in charge occurred yesterday afternoon, breaking out, as near as can be fixed, about 5 o'clock. It resulted in the destruction of the building on South street, next door west of Market, occupied by Messrs. Kimberly & Davis as a feed store and by Messrs. Philo L. Kimberly and Cephas Davis, the members of the firm, as a residence. The origin of the blaze cannot



THE FIRE AT ITS HEIGHT.

even be conjectured, and so much of a start had it obtained before it was observed that it was hard work to prevent the spread of the fire to other buildings, and to save that one was simply out of the question.

## DOOMED FROM THE FIRST.

An alarm was rung in from box 28, at the corner of Market and South streets, and the department responded with promptness. At that time the fire had evidently been burning for quite a while, and the densest clouds of smoke imaginable were rising into the air, showing that the hay, straw and other inflammable material with which the building was well filled was smoldering. It was not long till the flames burst through the roof with great fierceness, the slate roof having tended to keep them in until they had gained such headway that when they did make their way through the fire mounted high toward the clouds. It was a difficult fire to get at, the heat being already intense and the blaze issuing from both front and back, as well as through the entire surface of the roof. The firemen did some fine work, and showed commendable nerve, going into any exposed position where there was a chance of working advantageously, and it was under control in a surprisingly short time after the first stream was on, considering the start it had.

## HOW THE BLAZE STARTED.

What caused the blaze is a mystery. About 5 o'clock Mr. Kimberly was down stairs in the office when his niece, Mrs. Davis, came down, very much excited, and said: "Oh, uncle, the hay is all on fire."

Mr. Kimberly ran upstairs and opened the door which led from the room in which Mrs. Davis had been to the long stable back of it, where the hay was stored. By this time the hay was blazing almost to the ceiling, and the air which entered when the door was opened caused it to blaze up higher. Mr. Kimberly immediately shut the door and shouted down to the book-keeper to lock the books in the safe and go and ring in an alarm. He did so, and afterward had the presence of mind to go back and save the books, insurance policies and other articles of value in the safe.

When the alarm was raised Mrs. Kimberly was down in the cellar milking the cows. They had two very fine Jersey cows, and these were saved. There were also a great many chickens in the cellar, and of these many were burned to death, while some came out safe and others got out alive but badly scorched.

## HARD WORK NECESSARY.

For a long time after the department got on the scene—that is, a long time as fires go, though it was really not so very long—it was a matter of doubt among those who looked on whether the fire could be checked before it reached the creek on Market street and Main street on South. The intense heat made by the burning hay and straw, and the large amount of it which was burning made the fire dangerous in the extreme to the adjoining property, most of the houses being of very inflammable material. The flames soon leaped out from every side, and as darkness came on the spectacle presented by the burning building from the two bridges across the creek was brilliant and impressive. The scene from the Market street side was not so brilliant, but more suggestive of danger, the sparks and pieces of burning material flying in a constant shower across that street, and up Seventeenth for some distance. Much of the flying fire fell upon the roof of Fisher's foundry and the St. John church, but the latter was protected by the steepness of the slate roof, and on the former a large force of the employees of the foundry were at work constantly as long as the rain of fire continued.

## THE PROPERTY BURNED.

The building burned was forty feet front on South street and extended through of even width to the bank of the creek, the waters of which were lighted up with great brilliancy during the fire. The building had two stories and an attic, in which much stock was stored. The lower floor was used as a store and delivery room, while in the second the two families resided. There

was also a large space on this floor devoted to storage of hay and straw and other material. In the top story was also stored a quantity of feed and the like. The cellar or basement contained the stables, but both of the teams were out at the time, one wagon delivering goods on the Island and the other up on Mount Wood, so that they were both saved. In the building there was an engine, two sets of milling burrs for grinding feed, and other cutting machinery, hay balers and the like. It cannot be told yet what damage was done to the engine. Everything else is no doubt a total loss. The books and papers were saved through the presence of mind of William Dulin, the bookkeeper, who is employed at one of the banks, and also keeps the firm's ledger after banking hours. He had only been in the office a short time when the fire broke out.

## THE LOSS AND INSURANCE.

The building was originally a foundry, run by Mr. Miller, father of the late Colonel Bill Miller and of Henry B. Miller. The building was probably worth \$4,000 or so. It was the property of Miss Emma Lee Miller, for whom Mr. I. F. Jones is trustee. The insurance on it could not be obtained last evening, but is said to be at least partially insured. The loss on stock was not very definitely ascertainable, but in round figures it will approximate \$3,000. The machinery was probably damaged to the extent of \$1,000 or \$1,500.

There was insurance on the mill and machinery as follows:

Security company, of New Haven.....	\$500
Liberty, of New York.....	500
Westchester, of New York.....	500
American Fire, of Philadelphia.....	500

On the stock the insurance was as follows:

Franklin, of Wheeling.....	\$300
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## "EGGY" CALLED BACK.

The Famous Crook is Safely Lodged  
in Jail at Moundsville.

## THE HISTORY OF THE ROBBERIES

And Shooting of Marshal Dolbear for which He is Wanted There—His Escape from the Marshall County Jail Years Ago—Something of His Career Since that Escapade.

Michael, alias "Eggy," Condroy, the famous crook and desperate robber, is again behind the bars at Moundsville, where it is safe to say that the vigilance of the officials will prevent his escaping again. As was related in the INTELLIGENCER yesterday, Eggy was arraigned at Pittsburgh on Saturday on the charge of being a party to the murder and robbery at Tarentum some time ago, but proved that at the time that murder was committed he was in the Ohio penitentiary at Columbus, and he was discharged from custody on that charge, but immediately re-arrested as a fugitive from justice in Marshall county, West Virginia.

Yesterday Marshal Gocke, of Benwood, assisted by ex-Marshall Dolbear and Constable Sprouts, arrived in the city from Pittsburgh with Eggy in custody. He was taken down to Benwood, arraigned before a justice of the peace on the charge of shooting Bruce Dolbear with intent to kill and committed to the county jail. He was at once taken down to Moundsville.

Condroy appeared in good health, and when a reporter saw him a few moments after being locked up he was walking briskly about his cell to keep warm, the jail having been tenanted and fireless until his arrival. His cell was next to a large stove in which a cheerful fire was roaring, and under its influence he talked freely, comparing his quarters there with those he left behind in the new jail at Pittsburgh.

He says he knew Fitzsimmons well, as they were on the same range together at Pittsburgh. It was known as "Murderers' Row." Fitzsimmons wanted him to go with him, but he refused to take the chances. He says Fitz was helped from without, and that he had a revolver and would have shot one or more of the guards had they attempted to stop him, and that while in jail he had plenty of money and paid the guards as high as \$100 for favors.

## STORY OF EGGY'S CRIMES.

The crime for which Eggy was brought back was one of a series. He shot Bruce Dolbear, then marshal of Benwood, one night when Bruce was trying to arrest him for burglary. Tim Dolan's room was entered and robbed one night. From the description given of a man seen about the town the same night, Dolan knew it was Eggy, and he and the police made arrangements to capture him. One night when Dolan was at a dance he was informed that his man was in Smith's saloon, just across the street from the hall in which the dance was given. He got the marshal and they went over to the place. The door was locked, and the marshal went round to the side, while Dolan approached the front. Just as Dolbear got around the corner somebody raised a window in the second story and fired at him, wounding him badly. Eggy and a man with him then escaped. Since that time he has repeatedly been in this city and in Benwood, but was never captured here. He shot an officer in Portsmouth, Ohio, was arrested and served a term in the Columbus pen. The next heard of him here he was under arrest at Pittsburgh, and the Benwood officials at once got requisition papers and have been waiting for a chance at him ever since.

## WANTED TO BUY OFF.

Condroy has several times had friends approach Dolan and Dolbear with propositions to buy them off from prosecution, but they were inexorable, especially Dolbear, who has pursued his man to the end.

It is said that Eggy admits that he was in the house when Dolbear was shot, but that he did not fire the shot, and it will be hard to prove that he did, but he committed the Dolan burglary, and he has besides enough other crimes to his account in Marshall county to do anything with him but hang him. The story of one piece of his career, now almost forgotten, reads like one of the old Jack Shepherd or Dick Turpin romances.

On Thursday, June 4, 1885, two men entered the store of Mr. Vieweg, just below the Marshall county line and afterwards Ackermann's saloon and the Drover's Home, kept by Chris Seabright. The tills at all these places were tapped, and a considerable sum of money secured in the aggregate. At Seabright's place there was nobody in the bar when the men entered, but the proprietor's brother, who was then on the Benwood police force, came in just as they left, and it was not long till the robbery was discovered. An alarm was raised and soon a large crowd was in pursuit. The men left the railroad track, and one hid in the weeds, while the other sought refuge in a coal shed. Both were finally captured, and one was recognized as Eggy Condroy. The other no one knew, but he said his name was Cline. The crowd wanted to hang them both, and actually got a swing rope down from the tree to do it, but Policeman Seabright refused to allow this, and insisted on taking them to jail, which was done, a wagon being engaged for the purpose. It is recorded that Eggy begged and wept for mercy when threatened with lynching, but afterwards tried to escape on the way to Moundsville.

## ESCAPED FROM JAIL.

On the last day of November of the same year Sheriff Showacre went into the jail, as usual, to give the prisoners their supper. There were in the jail Eggy and Cline, William Schoolcraft, who shot Grant Lucas in a family row, and Robert Swede, a colored man, who had robbed a cottage on the camp ground. They overpowered Showacre, locked him in a cell, knocked down his daughter, who was near, and escaped. Showacre fired his revolver and struck Schoolcraft, who died of his wounds two days later. On December 1 Cline was recaptured, but though Eggy made his headquarters in this city from that time till the robbery of Dolan at Benwood, nearly a year later, he was never arrested.

Eggy is a slick one, and has doubtless been credited with many a crime in which he had no part, just as he was with having a hand in Rudert murder, at Tarentum, when he was in the penitentiary at that time. Still he has committed enough crimes to give him a hundred years behind the bars if he got his just deserts, and it is to be hoped that Marshall county will do as well as she can on this opportunity toward giving him his well earned century.

## LOCAL BRIEVITIES.

Matters of Minor Moment in and About the City.

The fines and costs collected in the police court in November aggregated \$904.40.

ROBERT McELROY has been granted a divorce from his wife, Belle McElroy, by the circuit court.

The Wheeling Cyclers will hold a meeting this evening at the club room on Thirty-third street.

An apron social will be held at St. John's German Protestant church, on Thursday and Friday.

The bell for the new tower of St. James's German Protestant church arrived yesterday and will be hung to-day.

PRINCE & WEST's comedy company will appear at the Opera House next Monday evening in the popular success, "Eight Bells."

In the case of Pauline Moller vs. W. H. Waddle's executor, tried in the circuit court yesterday, a verdict was rendered for the plaintiff for \$1,007.

The Council committee on claims considered last night the claim of Catherine Church, for damages to property, and held the matter over for further advisement.

In the circuit court yesterday it was ordered that the sheriff transfer Lee S. Harris, an insane person, to the authorities of Maryland, he being a resident of Catonsville, in that state.

UNDER the new arrangement of the trains on the Ohio river railroad and its connections passengers leaving here on the first train in the morning will reach Charleston at 4:20 p. m.

The B. & O. train on the Pittsburgh division, of which Capt. Charley Adams is conductor, on its way to this city last evening, ran down and killed a woman on the trestle at Finleyville. Her name was not obtainable.

In the police court yesterday T. B. Kain, charged with disorderly conduct in Porter's saloon, on the South Side, was fined \$2 and costs. T. F. Porter, the proprietor, arraigned for selling liquor on Sunday, and who was probably ready to plead guilty if allowed to, was dismissed by the mayor because he thought the information was made in a spirit of malice.

YESTERDAY morning Chris Smith, who was arrested the night before as a plain drunk, was found dead in his cell in the city lockup. The coroner after an examination pronounced the cause of death exposure and heart disease. Smith was once a highly respected young man, an upholsterer by trade, and able to earn good wages, but he has lately been a common drunkard.

## Wheeling Park Association.

The annual stockholders' meeting of the Wheeling Park Association was held last evening, with Judge Jellors in the chair and Mr. F. Reister as secretary. The annual reports showed the finances to be in first class shape, a number of improvements to have been made in the past season, and the association to be in general more prosperous and its affairs more promising than ever before. The following gentlemen were elected as members of the board of directors, the last three named being new additions to the board: A. Reymann, H. Dieberson, A. Rolf, H. F. Behrens, J. A. Hess, George Hook, L. F. Stifel, F. Lapp, F. Reister, Paul O. Reymann and Conrad Hirsch.

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## DIED.

HEITZ—On Sunday, December 6, 1891, at 12:30 p. m., MARY HEITZ, in the 42d year of her age.

Funeral from her late residence, near No. 1303 East street, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Friends of the family respectfully invited to attend. Interment at Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

HARDOUR—At Newark, N. J., on Monday, December 7, 1891, MRS. CATHERINE HARDOUR.

Funeral notice hereafter.

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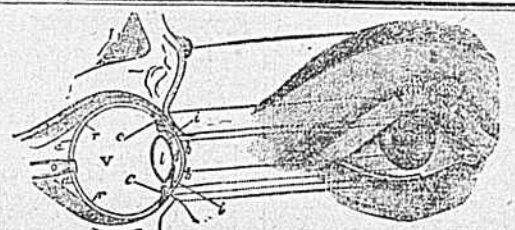


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